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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application No.	09/608,996
Filing Date	June 30, 2000
First Named Inventor	Robert W. Faber et al.
Art Unit	2136
Examiner Name	Hoffman, Brandon S.
Attorney Docket Number	42390P8384X

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 		
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed	i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	
	ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
2. Miscellaneous			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
3. Fees	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.			
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) and any additional claims fee(s)			
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)	01/10/2005 SDENB0B1 00000032 09608996		
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (\$. <u>00</u>)	790.00 OP		
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of <u>\$790.00</u> enclosed	01 FC:1801		
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosd)			
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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